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The Salt Lake Herald says: There is no biped for which the old farmer of this country has more genuine affection than the utterly valueless—in a market-able sense—sea gull. This rather pretty bird was quite abundant in this valley the present year-in fact, it is stated, only once before were there so many, In the fields a few miles below the city, a week or two ago, thousands of them could be seen. They followed the plowman along the furrow and were almost as tame as chickens. Wherever there was a newly plewed field, there you could see the gull, and as fast as a furrow was turned up the birds would fly behind the plowmen and commence devouring the insects which were thus exposed to sight. They seemed perfectly fearless, and they have good reason to be fearless here, for the farmer looks upon them as his friend, and they seem to understand fully that he holds them in that light. They fly all about him. within three or four feet, and while, perhaps, unwilling to submit to being caught, they allow any other familiarity that can be practiced, for they themselves will take a great many good natured liberties. They will not touch grain, or anything the farmer desires to remain untouched; they only eat the worms and insects which are injurious to the soil and crops. Years ago a law was passed making it an offense to kill one of these birds. The law is probably vet on the statute books, but it is literally a dead letter, because there has been no occasion to call the law into life. A farmer-in fact, any person acquainted with the babits of the sea-gull -would as soon think of wantonly killing one of his own chickens as of intentionally harming one of these queer birds. As before stated, a law was passed by the legislature, making it an offense to kill a sea-gull; it was passed for this reason :

In the second year after the pioneers had arrived here-in 1848-the large black crickets common to these mountainous regions made their appearance in this and some other valleys in clouds -figuratively speaking, They did not fly, but came hopping down the mountain sides in myriads. So vast were the numbers the mountains were black, and seemed literally alive with the great big, black, ugly things, each one about the size of a common man's thumb. It was at the time the crops were promising ; everything looked green; the future outlook looked bright, and the heart of the sunburnt and toil worn pioneer grew lighter as the prospects of a greater harvest and greater comforts grew more and more tangible with each day's growth of the heavy grain. But blacker than the coalblack which crickets came hopping down the mountain slopes in countiess numbers, leaving barrenness and desolation in their wake, were the cloud of despair which filled the heart of of the weary farmer as this new and unlooked for curse came slowly and surely toward the pride, the joy and the promise of the early settler-his field of waving corn and grain. The foe was utterly unconquerable so far as human efforts were concerned; there was nothing the heartsick farmer could do but stand idly by and see the labor of the season destroyed. Children gazed with wonder and terror; women looked with eyes full of tears, and strong men watched with hearts of despair. It was an awful hour. But lo! a wonder! The sky is filled with large birds; they fly to the scene of the disaster, and then light in the fields where the crickets hold supreme sway. Then comes a change. At once the flocks of birds begin to eat the crickets. From morn till night they continue, never ceasing. When filled until they can hold no more they vomit up the black mass and again continue to eat the crickets. This is kept up day after day, until not one of the devouring host is seen; the crops are saved and the birds fly away. This bird was the one which could recently be seen in the fields, and was then even more abundant than at any time since the above mentioned event. It was not surprising that the pioneers should return thanks to God for his succor, and forever after the sea gull should be looked upon as a dear friend, to be protected and encouraged.

CURATIVE PROPERTIES OF MILK .-A Washington correspondent, in speaking of Gen. Robert C. Schenck, ex-Minister to England, says that, instead of being very decrepit, as has been represented in newspapers, he appears to be in very good physical condition. He stated that he had been given up four his only diet. He says. "I tackled the skimmed milk, stuck to it, and here I am almost a new man. I believe the skimmed milk is a specific for Bright's disease," As to the treatment of typhoid fever and other fevers, and of the treatment of typhold with buttermilk, successfully, the writer had heard before Surgeon General Barnes, about three years ago, heard of an old allopathic physician in Virginia, who, it was aleged, never failed to cure typhoid fever. As there were many patients in the United States army dying with that disease, General Barnes concluded to visit the ancient Virginia doctor and learn how he treated his typhoid patients. When he met the old gentleman, General Barnes inquired: "What is the mode of treatment by which you succeed ?" Why," replied the venerable physician, it's the simplest thing in the world . all you have got to do is to get the patient's stomach and bowels, in working order, and then fill them up with buttermilk, and keep the stomach filled with ed condition when I get him."

that alone. That's all. I never lose a patient if he is not already in a collaps Surgeon General Barnes told your informant that he adopted the buttermilk treatment among the soldiers in the army, and has found it most efficacious. It appears some ten years ago the medical science of France and Russia compared notes as to the use of plain sweet milk in the treatment of their hospital typhoid patients, and concurred in the statement that milk is not only of wonderful efficiency in typhordal cases, but in the treatment of fever generally.

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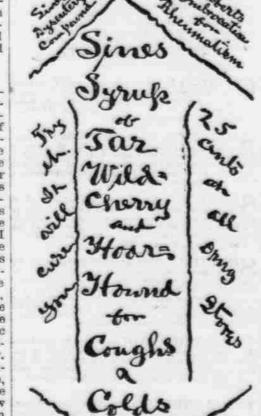
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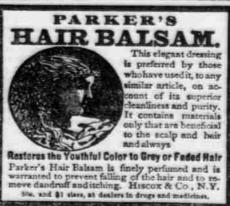
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RIDGE CULTURE.

The following from the pen of a practical farmer of Hamilton county, Ohio, is worthy of careful study. Ridge culture consists in raising our cultivated ground into ridges, the setting of our plants upon those ridges, and the cultivation of the ground afterwards as means of enrichment of the soil. Small grain and corn are not cultivated alike. With small grain the ground is thoroughly plowed and pulverized, after which the grain is seeded in broad rows six inches wide on top and twelve inches from centre to centre. Behind the seed distributers follow the shovels which take the soil from between the seed rows and cover the thinly scattered

seed. This makes a ridge on the seed bed and by the same process leaves a furrow between the rows. By this plan we realize several important advantages, Nature provides that every growing plant shall send its roots into the earth, and its top upward. The dividing line between the roots and the top is near the surface of the soil. If the plant be given deep cultivation and deep soil under the seed it will make strong growth and a strong plant. By ridging the depth of your soil is double, and at the same time your deepened soil holds its moisture better in seasons of drouth. In seasons of excessive rainfalls the ridges serve as sheds and the furrows as gutters to convey away the surface water. In slight rains the moisture is all retained, the thorough pulverization and the relation of the ridges and furrows making the conformation of the ground favorable to their retention. In this way a deep reservoir is established from which the plants may draw their sustenance by capilary attraction.

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I will briefly recount the points in which ridge culture is superior to the old methods 1. By ridging, the depth of the soil

cultivated is doubled, it retains moisture to that degree better, and its capacity to GROCERIES, TOBACCO AND SEGARS, withstand drouth is accordingly don-

2. By ridging, we not only raise the plant out of the wet and cold, but we provide it an effectual under-drainage n excessive rainfalls. In light rainfalls, the preparation of the ground has in effect made soil a sponge, that in drouth will yield its stored reserve of moisture.

3. Sun, rain, dew and electricity have easier access to the plant by ridge than by level culture, which left a furrow and drained the water on your growing grains, it placed the seed deep in the ground near the impenetrable hard pan; nence the roots could not "tiller" or "stool out," for that operation of nature nearly always takes place near the surface. If the seed be planted too deep, it has a struggle to reach the air and sunlight, and often never comes up, for the load above is beyond its lifting

5. We make use of all our ground to the best advantage, and have it in far better condition for succeeding crops than under the old methods. That is to rish the soil so much as crops by level culture. 6. From experiments in this mode of

culture, there is no question that the average yield is increased not less than 20 per cent.; and further, that the grain is improved in quality. BLACKBERRIES AND RASHBERRIES.

-Every one who has gathered wild berries is aware that the stems grow to the neight of six or eight feet and gracefuly bend over at the top. The lower art of the cane bears little or no fruit, being nearly all at the top of the bush The same happens on a smaller scale with the raspberry when left to itself. When we cultivate the blackberry for the sake of better fruit than the wild plants usually afford, we should also endeavor to have more of it, and more conveniently placed on the bushes, From questions that are asked, it is evident that all are not aware that the stems of the blackberry and raspberry (at least those curtivated for fruit) are only biennial. The plant throws up from the root, often at some distance from the old stems, vigorous shoots, which grows rapidly, and by autumn will become ripe and bard canes, like the old ones. The old canes, which have given a crop of fruit, have completed their work, and though they may remain alive for a while, will all be dead by next spring, When the fruit has been gathered, it is best to cut the canes entirely away to find room for the new ones. They should have more atention than they usually receive; if left to themselves they will become just like the wild plants, straggling, and with their fruit all at the top. Not ony on account of the greater quantity of fruit, but for the ease in picking it. should the canes be pruned. Blackberry canes should never grow over five feet, and many prefer to keep them at three feet high. Whenever the green shoot has reached the desired height, remove the top, or growing point, which being tender, may be pinched off with the thumb and finger. Soon after this is done, branches will start along the stem, and these should also be pinched. the lower ones when eighteen inches long, and the upper when twelve inches, By a little attention, once a week, or of-tener, giving the needed pinching, the blackberry, instead of being a long, straggling shrub, catching at the cloth ing of all who approach, may be brought into the form of a neat pyramidal bush, which, the next season will be loaded with fruit from top to bottom, The same treatment may be followed with raspberries, which are usually kept shorter. One of the greatest pleasures in gardening is found in training and shaping plants, and making them grow as we wish, and in nothing are the eflects of this more strikingly shown than in the blackberry and raspberry. - Amercan Agriculturist.

EARLY SWEET CORN .- Judge Miller, of Missouri, informs the Germantown Telegraph of a fact discovered by himself, in which a full week can be gained in getting sweet corn for boiling, He said it was, as soon as the ear is formed break the top down or cut it off, but leave the stalk erect, in order that the pollen of the tassel will be sure to dust the silk of the ears, as they may not be fully impregnated should the stalk be topped. He stated that he experimented for years and was entirely satisfied that it is uniformly practical and of value. In fact he thinks the ear becomes more fully developed also. This is a hint easy to adopt, and may be of interest to truckers as well as for the private garden.

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